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From: Smith, Emily J. [Smith.Emily@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/17/2018 3:00:11 PM
To: Strynar, Mark [Strynar.Mark@epa.gov]
CC: Medina-Vera, Myriam [Medina-Vera.Myriam@epa.gov]; Buckley, Timothy [Buckley.Timothy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Interview request for Mark Strynar/Fortune magazine
Attachments: Strynar answer to questions 4-12-18.ES.DOCX

Hi Mark- Thanks for drafting responses. These look good. There were a couple of places where things didn't grammatically make sense. I used track changes in those spots to try to make things clearer. Can you please take a look and see if you are okay with this, or if you'd like to correct those spots in another way?

Tim- ORD Communications would like our lab's sign-off on this. Can you please take a look at the attached and let Mark and me know if you have any suggestions?

It would be good to finalize this today as the reporter is on deadline.

Thanks!

-Emily

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From: Maguire, Megan
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 1:08 PM
To: Smith, Emily J. <Smith.Emily@epa.gov>
Cc: Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Linkins, Samantha <Linkins.Samantha@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Interview request for Mark Strynar/Fortune magazine

Hi Emily- are you and NERL management okay with these?

Thanks,
Megan

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Strynar, Mark" <Strynar.Mark@epa.gov>
Date: April 13, 2018 at 1:49:46 PM EDT
To: "Smith, Emily J." <Smith.Emily@epa.gov>, "Maguire, Megan" <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>
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Emily and Megan,

I was finally able to get to some answers for the Fortune reporter. Here is a draft. Megan I also told him about the public meeting in Wilmington on Tuesday PM. He intends to go. I will not be there.

Mark

From: Smith, Emily J.
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 1:20 PM
To: Strynar, Mark <Strynar.Mark@epa.gov>
Cc: Medina-Vera, Myriam <Medina-Vera.Myriam@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Interview request for Mark Strynar/Fortune magazine

Hi Mark,

The reporter from Fortune magazine has sent his questions below. Could you please start by developing written responses to the questions below? I can give you more background on this if you want to give me a ring.

Thanks!

-Emily

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From: Maguire, Megan
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 5:47 PM
To: Smith, Emily J. <Smith.Emily@epa.gov>
Subject: Fw: Interview request for Mark Strynar

Here are the questions:

From: Maguire, Megan
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 4:15 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea; Mattas-Curry, Lahne
Cc: Grantham, Nancy; Sauerhage, Maggie; Hubbard, Carolyn; Lincoln, Larry
Subject: Re: Interview request for Mark Strynar

Here are the reporter's questions:

- 1) Walk me through the science of finding minute amounts of chemicals in the water. How is technology changing this process. What does it mean that we can pinpoint smaller and smaller amounts of chemicals at the PPT level. Was the Cape Fear chosen for your original research mainly out of proximity?
- 2) How did all this come into play with the discovery of GenX in the Cape Fear First, is the forensics/process of finding chemicals -- particularly novel chemicals -- in the water. How has it changed. What does that mean.
- 3) I think I read somewhere that it can be difficult to identify what gets found in the water. Why is that so? and how does it get resolved. Was that the case with GenX
- 4) Why are these chemicals referred to as GenX, as opposed to HFPO-Dimer Acid. My understanding is that GenX covers a wide range of chemicals?
- 5) What do we know about GenX from a toxicology standpoint?
- 6) How do we keep up in a world where new chemicals are being created at a rapid pace? is there a better way to test and assess the safety of chemicals in a fast-changing world.
- 7) What are the next steps in your research in this area?

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 2:58:24 PM
To: Maguire, Megan; Mattas-Curry, Lahne
Cc: Grantham, Nancy; Sauerhage, Maggie; Hubbard, Carolyn; Lincoln, Larry
Subject: RE: Interview request for Mark Strynar

Nancy and I just chatted and we think it makes sense to start by getting questions in writing.

From: Maguire, Megan
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 2:52 PM
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Hi all- any movement on this?

Thanks,
Megan